

Comment

Many of the nations of the world have eliminated the Morse code requirement for Ham operators. This follows the maritime communication systems also eliminating some of the monitoring frequencies.

It is not that Morse Code is obsolete, it can facilitate communications when other modes will fail. But, that it is not necessary for communications when all of the modes available by current and future technology are considered.

The United States should follow the lead of the other nations and eliminate this requirement.

The recent use of Ham radio for emergency communications has demonstrated that Ham operators should be increased and it is probable that elimination of the Morse Code requirement would increase the number.

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